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IN REPLY TO:

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May 30, 1991

Exxon Company, USA Regulatory Affairs Post Office Box 1600 Midland, TX 79702-1600

Attn: Richard D. Goddard

RE: Exxon Corporation NDM-45155 Acq. W.F. Hamilton Federal Com. No. 1

SE1/4SW1/4 sec. 28, T. 144 N., R. 101 W.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

In reply to your letter dated May 24, 1991, we are hereby granting your request to delete condition II.D. from the Conditions of Approval for the above referenced well.

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The correspondence attached to your letter clearly demonstrates the different interpretation of CERCLA requirements by BLM and Industry. We have been applying Condition II.D. to APDs since 1986 and it may be a restatement of CERCLA requirements. A review of Information Bulletin no. 91-190 indicates we are not to implement hazardous materials policy requirements relating to oil and gas operations until a national policy and guidance are developed by our Washington Office.

Thank you for your careful review of the APD requirements and bringing this issue to our attention. This type of cooperation promotes BLM/Industry cooperation and understanding to achieve both our goals and objectives.

If you have any questions, please telephone me at (701) 225-9148.

Sincerely.

Gene C. Campbell

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